GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3481
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REVIVAL OF SICK FERTILIZER UNITS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

:

(a) the policy of Government with regard to revival of sick fertilizer units and expansion of the existing units;

(b) the steps taken in this regard during Ninth Five Year Plan and the programme drawn up for Tenth Five Year Plan;

(c) the achievement made in that regard in Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the projection made for production of fertilizers in Tenth Five Year Plan, both in Public and Private sectors?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) : With regard to revival of sick fertilizer units, the policy of the Government of India to restructure and revive potentially viable PSUs and closing down those (PSUs) which cannot be revived,while fully protecting the interests of workers. For expansion of the existing units, no licence is normally required. Entrepreneurs are free to set up and expand fertilizer projects anywhere in the country subject to environmental clearance. However, Public Sector Undertakings/Co-operative Societies under theadministrative control of the Department of Fertilizers (DoF) haveto obtain approval of the Government before undertaking such capital expenditure beyond their delegated powers.

(b) & (c) : The details of major fertilizer projects in India commissioned during Ninth Plan period and under implementation at present, indicating their additional production capacity, location, month/year of commissioning etc. are given in the enclosed Annexure. Of these, Namrup is one of the plants of a sick PSU that is being revived.

There is no decision on any fresh investment for a new unit under public/cooperative sector during the Tenth Plan. Setting up of fertilizer plants in the private sector is not subject to any licensing requirements.

(d) The projection made for production of fertilizer in the Tenth Five Year Plan both in Public & Private Sectors, based on 100% utilization of the existing capacity is given below:

(In Lakh MTs)

YEAR	`N'	`P'	TOTAL
2002-2003	120.58	52.31	172.89
2003-2004	121.74	52.31	174.05
2004-2005	121.74	52.31	174.05
2005-2006	121.74	52.31	174.05
2006-2007	129.28	52.31	181.59

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3481 for answer on 6.8.2002

ANNEXURE

MAJOR FERTILIZER PROJECTS SET UP DURING THE NINTH PLAN PERIOD

SN	Name	Location	Product	Additional	Month/Year of

					Capacity (in lakh TPA)	Commissioning
Already Commissioned						
1	Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Ltd. Kalol Expansion Project	Kalol, Gujarat	Urea		1.50	August 97
2	Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Ltd. Phulpur Expansion Project	Phulpur,UP	Urea		7.26	December 97
3	Madras Fertilizers Limited, Revamp Project	Chennai, Tamil-Nadu	Urea/NPK		0.76/1.84	March, 98
4	Nagarjuna Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd. Kakinada Expansion Project.	Kakinada, AP	Urea		4.95	March 98
5	Zuari Agro Chemicals Ltd. DAP Expansion Project	Goa	DAP/NPK		1.80/1.50	June 98/ November 98
6	Kandla Expansion project of IFFCO Gujarat	Kandla,	DAP/NPK		3.70/2.27	August 99
7	Hind Lever Chemicals Ltd.,	Haldia, West Bengal	DAP/NPK		4.00	April 99
8	Expansion project of Chambal Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd., (Ph-II).	Gadepan, Rajasthan	Urea		7.75	October 99
9	Indo Gulf Corporation Ltd., (new project)	Dahej, Gujarat	DAP		4.00	October 2000
10	Coromandel Fertilizers Ltd., (NPK expansion project)	Vyzag, A.P	NPK		1.25	July 2000
11	National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL) (urea plant	Nangal, Punjab	Urea		1.48	February 2001

expansion project),

12	Oswal Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. (New)	Paradeep, Orissa	DAP/NPK/NP	15.00/3.20/1.00	April 2001
13	Godavari Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd. (GFCL)	Kakinada, A.P.	DAP	2.8	Sept. 2001

Under Implementation

1	Gujarat State Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd., (DAP Expansion Project)	Sikka, Gujarat	DAP	3.96	Commissioning in progress
2	Revamp of Namrup Plants of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC)	Namrup, Assam	Urea	3.80	Oct. 2002